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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OSLO
ON MAY 21, THE FOUR MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE BONN GROUP TO PREPARE
TWO PAPERS: (A) A POSITION PAPER FOR BRIEFING OTHER GOVERNMENTS
ON THE BERLIN SITUATION, AND (B) A STUDY ON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
WITH REPRESENTATION BY THE FRG OF THE INTERESTS OF BERLIN
ABROAD. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY KISSINBER, SECRETARY CROSLAND, AND MINISTERS
SAUVAGNARGUES AND GENSCHER HELD THEIR QUADRIpartite LUNCHEON
MEETING, HOSTED BY GENSCHER, AT THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT GUEST
HOUSE ON MAY 21.

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3. VAN WELL, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MAY 20 SENIOR LEVEL MEETING (REFTEL), PRESENTED A REPORT TO MINISTERS CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE MINISTERS ENDORSE THE TWO PROPOSALS FOR BONN GROUP STUDIES. MINISTERS APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE VAN WELL REPORT.

4. TEXT OF THE APPROVED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWS.
BEGIN TEXT: "COUNTERING SOVIET AND GDR POLICIES CONCERNING BERLIN
THE SENIOR OFFICIALS APPROVED THE ASSESSMENT PAPER
CONCERNING BERLIN WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE BONN GROUP.

THE SENIOR OFFICIALS AGREED THAT THE USSR AND THE GDR ARE CONTINUING THEIR CAMPAIGN TO UNDERMINE THE WESTERN POSITION ON BERLIN AND TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF WEST BERLIN AS A SEPARATE POLITICAL ENTITY. RECENT PROTESTS HAVE BECOME MORE ASSERTIVE IN STAKING OUT FOR THE SOVIET UNION THE CLAIM TO A CONSULTATIVE VOICE IN MATTERS AFFECTING WEST BERLIN. THEY ALSO AIM AT QUESTIONING THE LIMITS OF THE SUPREME AUTHORITY WHICH THE THREE POWERS EXERCISE IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF THE CITY.

DR. VAN WELL PRESENTED AN EXPOSE ON THE STATE AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG (OR THE SENAT) AND THE GDR.

THE ALLIED SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE GRATEFUL FOR THIS DESCRIPTION OF FRG PLANS - THEY HAVE STRESSED AGAIN THE NEED THAT THE THREE POWERS SHOULD BE FULLY CONSULTED ON ALL ASPECTS OF INNER GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS INVOLVING BERLIN.

THE SENIOR OFFICIALS DISCUSSED TWO PROPOSALS FOR COUNTERING THIS CAMPAIGN IN THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY. THEY AGREED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS TO MINISTERS FOR APPROVAL:

A. PREPARATION OF A POSITION PAPER FOR BRIEFING OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE BONN GROUP TO PREPARE A PAPER ON THE WESTERN LEGAL AND POLITICAL POSITION ON BERLIN WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE WESTERN POSITION AS THE STANDARD FOR JUDGING ISSUES PERTAINING TO BERLIN AND OF ESTABLISHING A FACTUAL BASIS TO
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WHICH THIRD COUNTRIES COULD REFER WHEN FACED WITH THE PROBLEM RELATING TO BERLIN.

B. STUDY OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH FRG REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WSB ABROAD.

MINISTERS INSTRUCTED THE BONN GROUP TO ELABORATE A FURTHER PAPER CONTAINING:

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION CONCERNING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE WSB BY THE FRG SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

A STUDY OF THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN INTERESTS BY THE FRG IN THE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FIELD.

A DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET APPROACH TO THE EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN INTERESTS AND THE GENERAL SOVIET STRATEGY CONCERNING BERLIN.

AN EVALUATION OF THE WESTERN LEGAL POSITION.

THE AIM OF THIS PAPER SHOULD BE:

TO DEFINE THE WESTERN POSITION.

TO DEVELOP A COMMON LINE OF ARGUMENTS FOR THE FRG ON THE ONE HAND AND THE THREE POWERS ON THE OTHER HAND,

TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON HOW THE WESTERN POSITION CONCERNING THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND THE RIGHT OF THE FRG TO REPRESENT BERLIN INTERESTS ABROAD COULD BE INSURED IN THE FUTURE.

THE PAPER SHOULD BE OF OPERATIONAL CHARACTER AND SHOULD CONTAIN CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS. END TEXT

5. GENSCHER TOLD THE MINISTERS AFTER THEIR APPROVAL OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HE WISHED TO TRY TO DEFUSE THE GERMAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION AS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE. TO THAT END, HE
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PROPOSED TO TELL CDU LEADER KOHL THAT THE ALLIES WERE STUDYING THE MATTER. THE THREE MINISTERS AGREED. HARTMAN AND ANDREANI SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD VAN WELL THAT THE FRG HAD BEST PUT SOME PROPOSAL FOR AN ALLIED STUDY FORMALLY BEFORE THE BONN GROUP IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO AS TO ENABLE THE ALLIES TO RESPOND THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY STUDYING IT IF QUERIED BY THE PRESS. VAN WELL SAID HE HOPED THE ALLIES WOULD USE SOME VAGUE REFERENCE TO AN ALLIED EVALUATION OF THE WORKING OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE FOUNDATION QUESTION.

6. THE BONN GROUP SHOULD WORK OUT A PRESS LINE TO DEAL WITH THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM AT AN EARLY DATE, INASMUCH AS GENSCHER'S TALK WITH KOHL ON THE MATTER IS NOT LIKELY TO REMAIN A SECRET FOR LONG.
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